Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of acquiring a license in a hub network, comprising:

sending a license request from a client to a server;

sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server; and

receiving a sub-copy license data at said client from said server in response to said license request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are members of said hub network,

wherein said license request identifies a sub-copy version of content stored on said client, said sub-copy version including sub-copy locked content data,

wherein said sub-copy version is which is a copy of a source version of content stored on said server, the source version being a source for generating copies the sub-copy version of content data which is provided to the client in through the hub network when client is connected to the server,

wherein said source version is bound to the hub network and stored on said server, and said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and said license data corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to members of said hub network,

wherein said sub-copy locked content data and copies of said sub-copy locked content data of a bound instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network.

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2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before receiving said license data including a sub-copy license at said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

updating ~~a~~ said sub-copy license for ~~a~~ said sub-copy version stored on said client;

~~wherein said sub-copy license corresponds to said sub-copy version, and~~

updating said sub-copy license ~~data for said sub-copy version~~ includes updating said sub-copy license according to said received sub-copy license ~~data~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said sub-copy license ~~data is a sub-copy license indicating~~ indicates permissions for using said sub-copy version.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period, and

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license is valid.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said expiration period including resetting said expiration time if said expiration time was previously set to a different value;

wherein said client has a secure client clock,

when said client clock indicates that the current expiration time has been reached, said sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled, and

said client will not decrypt said sub-copy locked content data when said sub-copy license is disabled.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is connected to said server.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said connection confirmation indicates said client is within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation from said client to said server,

wherein said security confirmation indicates a state of security data stored on said

client

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising:

receiving a security update at said client from said server;

wherein said security update includes new security data.

12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein:

said security data includes a new key for decryption.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

setting an expiration time according to said received sub-copy license data.

14. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving said sub-copy version from a device that is a member of a different hub

network from said hub network.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 15, further comprising:~~

A method of providing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a license request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending license data from said server to said client in response to said license request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network, said license request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and said license data corresponding to said sub-copy version is bound to said hub network,

wherein said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version of a bound instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network;

synchronizing a client clock with a server clock by setting said client clock according to said server clock before sending said license data including a sub-copy license to said client;

wherein said client clock is a secure clock of said client, said server clock is a secure clock of said server.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, wherein:

said license data corresponds to a sub-copy license for said sub-copy version and includes data for updating said sub-copy license.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, wherein:

said license data is a sub-copy license indicating permissions for using said sub-copy version.

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19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein:

said sub-copy license indicates an expiration period,

said expiration period indicates an amount of time for which said sub-copy license

is valid, and

when said expiration time has been reached after sending said license data, said

sub-copy license expires and becomes disabled.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, wherein:

said license request indicates said sub-copy version.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is

connected to said server.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, wherein:

said connection confirmation request requests confirmation that said client is

within a local environment of said server, and

said local environment is a limited area defined relative to said server.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, further comprising:

sending a security confirmation request from said server to said client,

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wherein said security confirmation request requests confirmation of a state of security data stored on said client.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

receiving a security confirmation at said server from said client;

wherein said security confirmation indicates said state of said security data stored on said client.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising:

sending a security update from said server to said client.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein:

wherein said security update includes a new key for decryption.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~15~~16, further comprising:

checking a revocation list to determine whether said client is included in said revocation list;

wherein said revocation list is stored on said server.

28 – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

sending a refresh request from a client to a server;

sending a connection confirmation from said client to said server;

receiving ~~an~~ updated sub-copy license ~~data~~ at said client from said server in response to said refresh request; and

updating a sub-copy license stored on said client according to said updated license data;

wherein said client and said server are ~~connected in~~members of a hub network, said refresh request ~~identifies~~ corresponds to a sub-copy version of content stored on said client, said sub-copy version includes sub-copy locked content data, and

wherein said sub-copy license is a license tied to said sub-copy version, ~~and said~~ sub-copy ~~license~~ version is bound to members of said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated from a source version that is bound to the hub network.

~~wherein said sub-copy locked content data and copies of said sub-copy locked content data of a bound instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network.~~

31. (Currently Amended) A method of refreshing a license in a hub network, comprising:

receiving a refresh request from a client at a server;

sending a connection confirmation request from said server to said client; and

sending an updated sub-copy license data from said server to said client in response to said refresh request;

wherein said client and said server are connected in a hub network and are members of said hub network, said refresh request identifies a sub-copy version stored on said client, and

wherein said updated sub-copy license data is for updating updates a sub-copy license corresponding to said sub-copy version, and said sub-copy license version is bound to said hub network, and said sub-copy is generated from a source version that is bound to the hub network

wherein said sub-copy version and copies of said sub-copy version of a bound instance are made only by clients connected to said hub network.